

STUDENT USER'S MANUAL

Introduction to Python

Welcome to the Naval Postgraduate School!

One of the applications you will be using as a student at NPS is known as Python. It is a student-developed education management system that automates or streamlines many education management processes.

How to Access Python

Python is entirely web-based and may be accessed from any computer on campus as well as from your home computer through dial-up with your modem behind the school's firewall. For security reasons, you currently must have a connection within the school's firewall. You now have the ability to access Python from any computer with an Internet connection.

For computers on campus, the site is http://intranet.nps.navy.mil. Click on the Python link at the top of the page. From an off-site Internet connection, go to http://www.nps.navy.mil/citrix, then choose PYTHON Remote Access. You may need to download and install the Citrix Client, which is available at this site.

NOTE: As distance learning students, the <u>only</u> functions in Python you need are to:

1. View grades

*See Highlighted sections

2. Print unofficial transcripts

(some items are circled

3. Submit SOFs

in red)

4. Update address and diploma information

<u>DO NOT</u> make any adjustments to your Matrix (for example, add/drop courses). Your EMBA matrix is preassigned. If you make any changes, it may affect your graduation timeline.

Features of Python

The features of Python that you may access are based on your permissions. For example, if you are a faculty member as well as a student, you will see additional functionality when you logon to Python. You may have more functionality than is listed below.

As a student, you will have the ability to:

- Update your profile by clicking on "My Profile"
 - o Nickname
 - o Former Name
 - o Gender
 - o Race
 - o Country
 - o Birth Date
 - o Military Service and Paygrade (U.S. and International Military Only)
 - o Designator (U.S. Military Only)
 - o WCN (International Only)
 - o Civilian Rate (Civilians Only)
 - Addresses and Phone Numbers
 - Dependents' Information
- Update and Add Department Information
 - o Title (i.e. Student)
 - o Work Phone/Fax (your Curricular Office unless you have a dedicated office/thesis space)
 - o Building/Room # (your Curricular Office unless you have a dedicated office/thesis space)
- Search Course Catalog
 - By specific course
 - By department
- View APC, section, site (primarily distance learning students)
- Enter your diploma name format
- View your curriculum(s) & track(s) information with associated QPRs.
- Enter previous degrees earned (undergraduate and otherwise).
- Maintain Your Matrix

DO NOT make any course change requests!

- Make course add requests
- Make course drop requests
- Make course validate requests
- Track these requests
- View your grades
- Print your matrix
- o Print an unofficial transcript
- View/print course schedules
- View/print quarterly schedules with course information, instructor, building/room, and times

What is the Matrix?

Your matrix is essentially your listing & schedule of courses while at NPS When viewing it, it looks like a matrix as each quarter is a row and each course is a column.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE YOUR MATRIX IS CORRECT AT ALL TIMES!

The matrix is preassigned: DO NOT ADJUST

**Note: please ensure you update your Python information as it changes. You will be required to review this information and update as necessary at least quarterly. You will receive an email reminder.

While it is your responsibility to maintain your Python information, you have several individuals to assist you. You have one or more Education Technicians (EdTechs) and/or Administrative Assistants in your Curricular Office. Additionally, you have one or more Academic Associates and Curriculum Officers (also known as Assistant Deans and/or Program Managers) assigned to your curriculum to provide academic counseling. Your Academic Associates and Curriculum Officers are the ones who approve/disapprove your course add/drop/validate requests.

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How to Perform Basic Functions in Python

Home

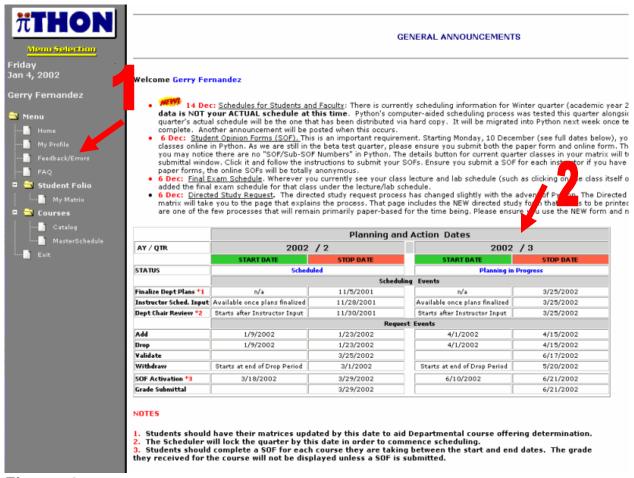


Figure 1.

1. Personalized Table of Contents for students

- Home Main page that shows "Planning and Action Dates".
- My Profile Allows students to maintain personal information.
- Student Folio
 - My Matrix Allows student to maintain academic information.
- Courses
 - Catalog Allows a student to search for courses offered at NPS.
 - MasterSchedule Allows a student to search for scheduling information (times, room, instructor) for one or more courses offered during the current quarter.

2. Planning and Actions Dates

 Displays all critical dates and deadlines determined by the Office of the Registrar. PYTHON strictly enforces all dates (i.e. add and drop courses requests).

My Profile: Personal Information Tab

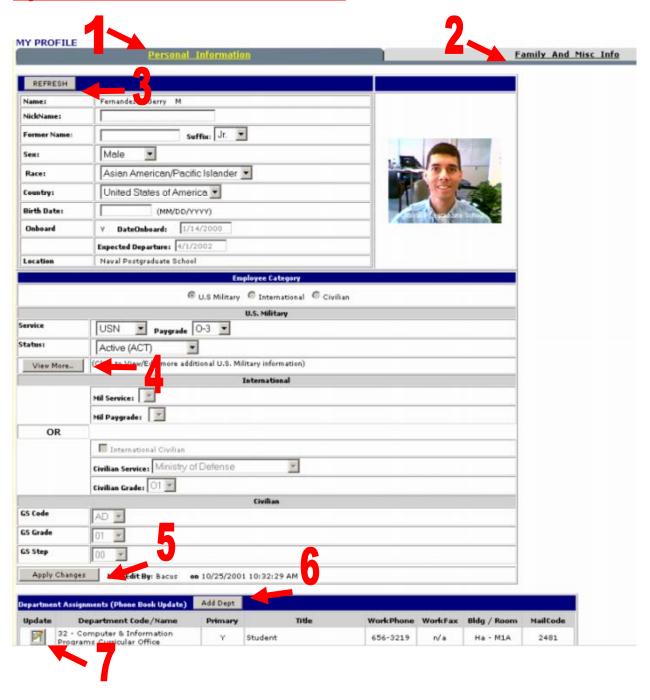


Figure 2.

- 1. Personal Information Tab Allows the update of personal information.
- 2. Family and Misc Info Tab Allows the update of addresses and family member information.

- **3.** Refresh Button This button is on numerous pages and is used to update the current view after edits are made. **DO NOT** use the refresh button on the browser tool bar.
- **4.** View More Button Opens a window that reveals more U.S. Military fields to be viewed or updated. *Refer to Figure 2a* to view the U.S. Military Form.
- **5.** Apply Changes Button All fields above the "Apply Changes" button will be committed to the database when this button is clicked.
- **6.** Add Dept. Button Clicking this button will bring up another window that will allow you to add another department assignment. Generally, you will never do this as you will already be assigned to a Department and most students will not be members of additional NPS Departments. *Refer to Figure 2b* to view the Add Dept Form.
- **7.** Edit Dept. Button Clicking this button will bring up another window that allows you to edit your Department Assignment. You will generally do this to update your building/room and/or phone numbers. *Refer to Figure 2c* to view the Edit Dept Form.

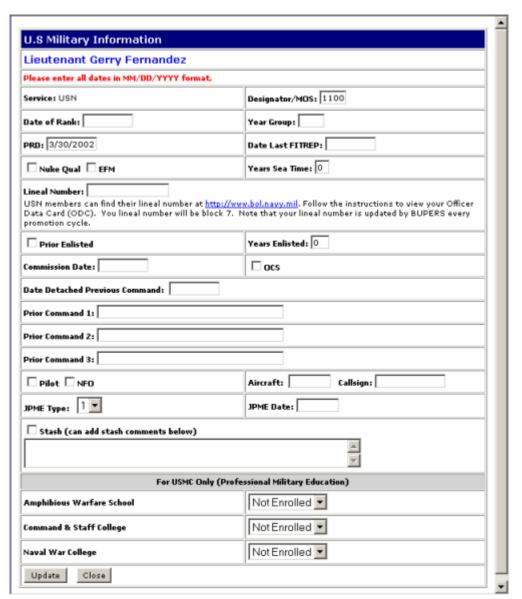


Figure 2a.

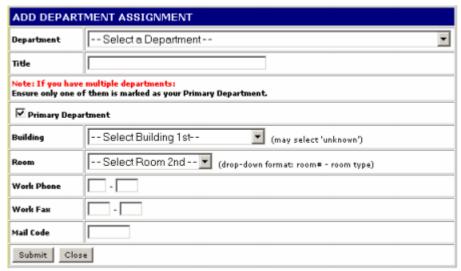


Figure 2b.

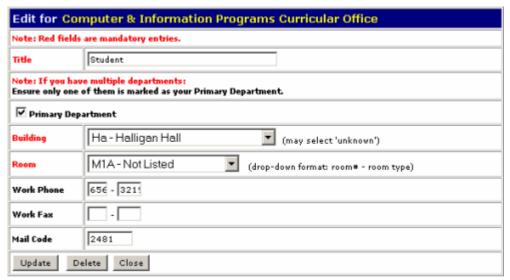


Figure 2c.

Notes

- You must have at least one department assignment. PYTHON will prevent you from deleting all your assignments.
- Ensure *only one* of your Department Assignments is marked as your *Primary Department*. This is extremely important.

My Profile: Family Members Tab

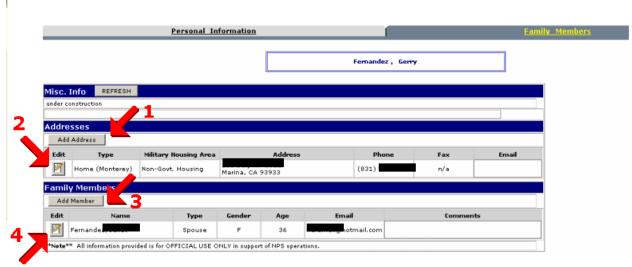


Figure 3.

- 1. Add Address: Click to add an address. Another window will open revealing the Add Address form. *Refer to Figure 3a* to view the Add Address Form. Six types of addresses can be entered (one of each).
- 2. Edit Address: Opens the selected address in order to edit information.
- **3.** Add Member: Click to add a family member. Another window will open revealing the Add Member form. *Refer to Figure 3b* to view the Add Member Form.
- **4.** Edit Member: Opens the selected family member in order to edit information.

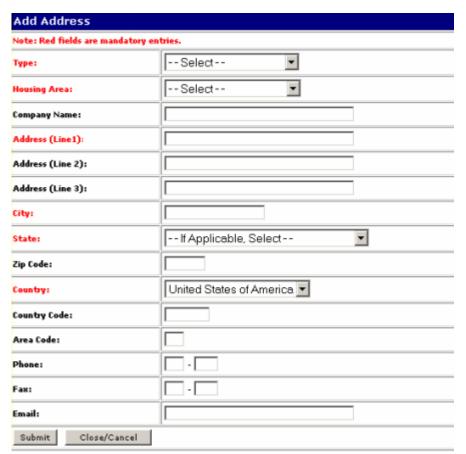


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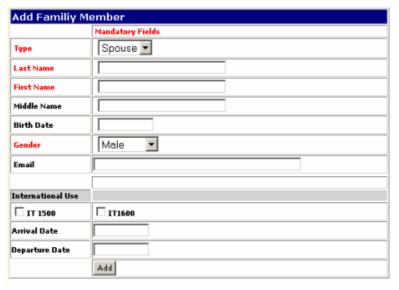


Figure 3b.

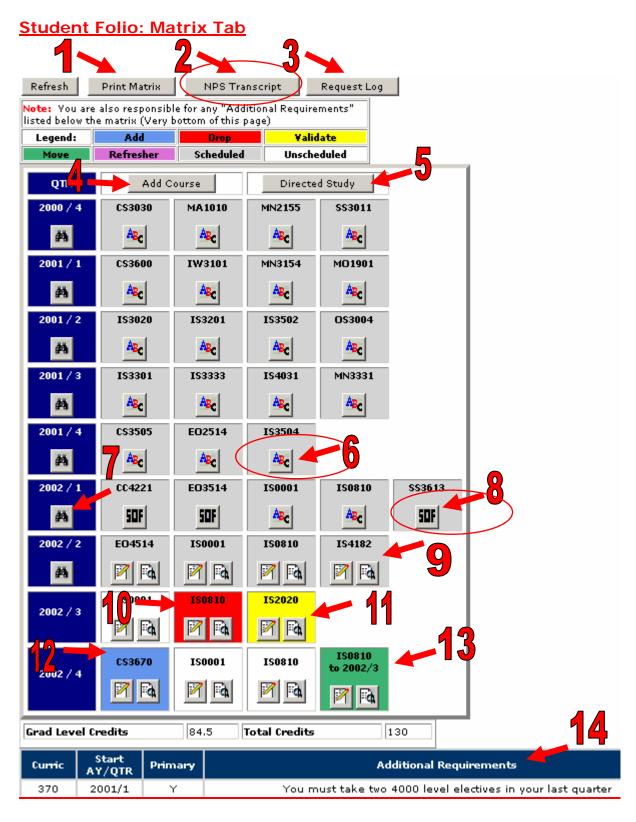


Figure 4.

- 1. Print Matrix Opens another window that prints your matrix.
- 2. NPS Transcript Opens another window that prints your up-to-date NPS unofficial transcript.
- 3. Request Log Open a window that shows a summary of your request(s).
- **4.** Add Course Button Opens a window that starts the process of requesting to add a course to your matrix. If you are requesting an add for the current quarter or recently scheduled upcoming quarter, you will choose from the Master Schedule. Otherwise, you will choose from the course catalog that shows planned segments and current student demand for each course. *Refer to Figures 4c,4d and 4e.*
- **5.** Directed Study Button Opens a window that explains the directed study process and provides the form to download. Requesting a Directed Study is a manual process of hand-routing the form.
- Grade Button Opens a window that shows your grade for the selected course.
- **7.** Show Schedule Button Opens a window that shows your class schedule for the selected quarter. This will also show the textbooks that you will need for the courses that you are scheduled to take.
- 8. SOF Button Opens a window that allows you to complete the Student Opinion Form for a course that is nearing completion. This button will be shown once the SOF submittal period commences. You will not be able to see your grade until you complete the SOF for the course. The button will become a Grade button once the SOF is complete. Although you may finish your SOF, the grade may not be available if the instructor has not submitted the grade for the course.
- **9.** Gray Cell A course that is scheduled to be taught based on a finalized academic plan. If you have a pending course (upcoming quarter) that is not gray after all Academic Departments have approved their plan, then the course will not be scheduled. You will have to drop the course and choose a course among those that are planned.
- **10**. Red Cell A course that is currently in a *Drop* request status. The course will disappear once your drop request is approved. The cell will turn white if the drop request is disapproved.
- **11.** Yellow Cell A course that is currently in a *Validate* request status. The course will disappear once your validate request is approved. The cell will turn white if the validate request is disapproved.
- **12.** Blue Cell A course that is currently in an *Add* request status. The course cell will turn white once your add request is approved.
- **13.** Green Cell A course that is currently in a *Move* request status. The course will move to the indicated year/quarter once the Move is approved.
- 14. Additional Requirements This contains notes on courses that may be required to be in your matrix. Your initial matrix load out is based only on core courses for your curriculum. Other courses may need to be added depending on your track, service or other factors. Ensure you add the necessary courses to your matrix based on the requirements listed in this box.



Figure 4a

- **1.** Request Button Opens a window that initiates either a DROP, MOVE, or VALIDATE request. *Refer to Figure 4q*.
- **2.** Assignment Information Button Opens a window that displays the details of your course assignment. *Refer to Figure 4f.*

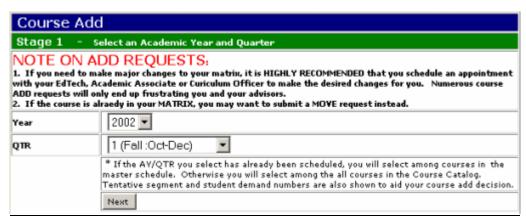


Figure 4c - Add Stage 1 – Choose the Academic Year and Quarter. An Academic Year runs from 1 October to 30 September.

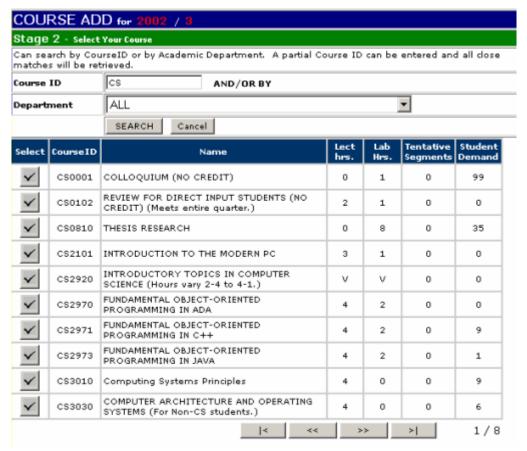


Figure 4d - Add Search – Click the Check Button to select the course you desire to add. Pay close attention to the tentative segments and student demand columns. They will be an indicator that the course will be offered in the AY and QTR you selected. The Tentative Segments number is based on Academic Department plans and the Student Demand number is based on all student matrices.

Final Stage	- ADD request for 2002 / 3			
Course Information				
Course ID	C\$2971			
Name	FUNDAMENTAL OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING IN C++			
Lecture Hours	4 Lab Hours 2			
Description	This course is an introductory course in program development techniques and the structured and object- oriented programming paradigms using C++. The topics covered include: problem solving, documentation, C++ Integrated Programming Environment (IDE), control flow, native types and statements, operators, structures, functions, pointers, arrays, object-oriented programming, encapsulation (class and objects), and I/O. Weekly programming or written assignments will be assigned. PREREQUISITE: None.			
Clearance Required N Type None				
Student Request Info				
From:	Anderson, Larry			
To:	Boger, Dan			
Associated Curric	370 (will show multiple values for dual-degree students)			
Segment	1			
Required	☐ (New Core requirement for curriculum)			
Is Retake				
Student Comments	** Note** You are encouraged to add some comments to provide your			
	advisors information to help them review your request.			
	Send Request Close/Cancel Back To Search			
 If the Add is a future Matrix modification, your Academic Associate is the first reviewer. Otherwise, the first reviewer is the assigned instructor of the class. Add Requests for thesis slots and seminars will go straight to the Academic Associate The Curriculum Officer is the final reviewer. 				

Figure 4e - Add Form - Once a course is selected, you will be directed to the Add Form. YOU MUST PROVIDE COMMENTS and then Click "Send Request."

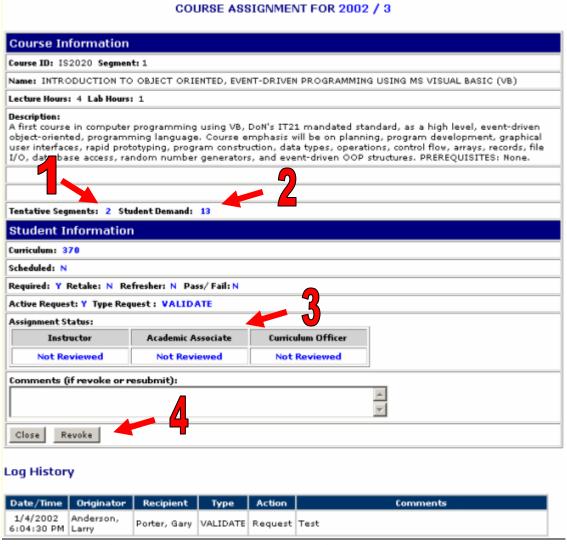


Figure 4f. This figure shows a course that is an active request for an Add.

- **1.** Tentative Segments The number of segments that are currently planned for the academic year and quarter.
- 2. Student Demand The number of students that also desire the course, including yourself.
- **3.** Approval Status Shows what level your request is at. The following table shows the routing table for all types of requests. A Directed Study form shows all personnel required for approval.

	TYPE REQUEST			
Reviewer	ADD	DROP	MOVE	VALIDATE
Instructor	Reviews only in Present Quarter	Reviews only if will be a WITHDRAW	Does not Review	Course Coordinator Reviews
Academic Associate	Reviews	Reviews	Reviews	Reviews
Curriculum Officer	Final Approval	Final Approval	Final Approval	Final Approval

4. Revoke Button - Clicking this button will revoke a pending request. If a request is disapproved, a "Resubmit" Button will be available in order to

send more information back to the last reviewer who disapproved the request. If the reviewer still does not approve your request, you must REVOKE your request using the Revoke Button.

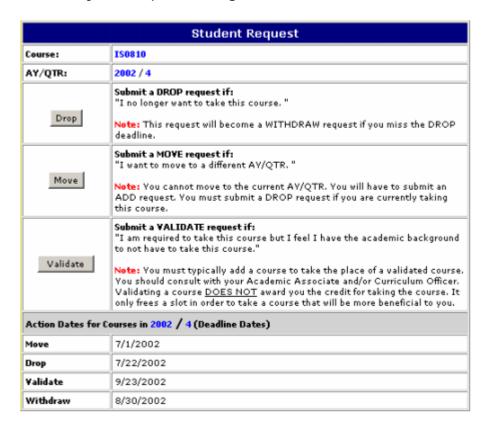


Figure 4g – Start Request Form – Click the Button of the type of request you desire. You will notice the deadlines for each type of request. Once you click a request button, you will be directed to the appropriate form. *Refer to figures 4h, 4i, and 4j.*

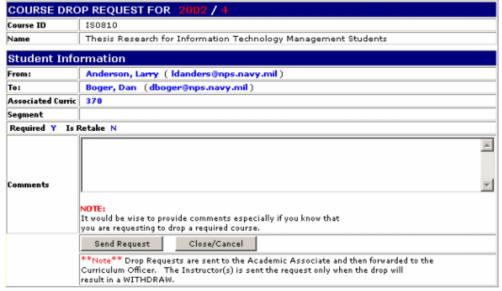


Figure 4h. DROP Request Form

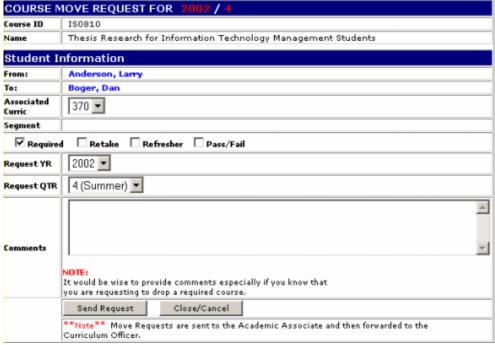


Figure 4i. MOVE Request Form

Validation Request			
Course Info			
Course ID:	IS2020		
Name:	INTRODUCTION TO OBJECT ORIENTED, EVENT-DRIVEN PROGRAMMING USING MS VISUAL BASIC (VB)		
Lecture Hrs: 4 Lab Hrs: 1			
Description:	A first course in computer programming using VB, DoN's IT21 mandated standard, as a high level, event-driven object- oriented, programming language. Course emphasis will be on planning, program development, graphical user interfaces, rapid prototyping, program construction, data types, operations, control flow, arrays, records, file I/O, data base access, random number generators, and event-driven OOP structures. PREREQUISITES: None.		
Request Info			
From:	Anderson, Larry		
To:	Porter, Gary		
Basis for Yalidation:	<u> </u>		
	Please Review: 1. Provide detailed comments. 2. By submitting this validation request, you are giving the Course Coordinator permission to view your available transcripts. 3. The Course Coordinator may require an oral board and/or written examination prior to forwarding this request to your Academic Associate. Send Request Cancel		

Figure 4j. VALIDATION Request Form

Student Folio: Student Information Tab

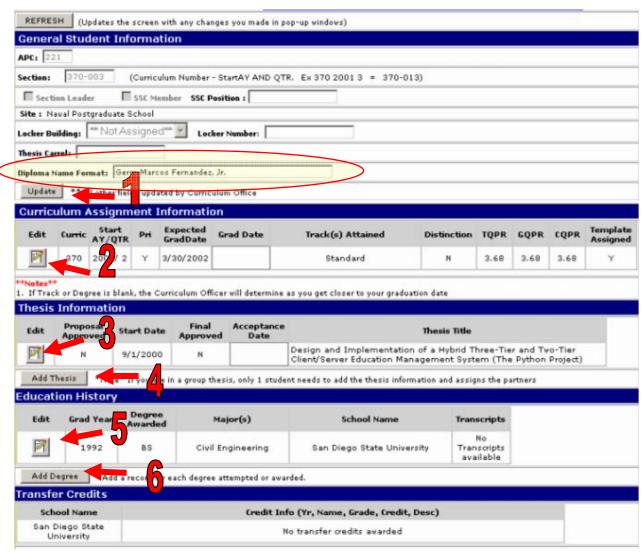


Figure 5.

- 1. Update Button Clicking will update most of the fields above the button. Your Curriculum Office is able to update fields that you cannot edit.
- 2. Edit Curriculum Button Clicking will open a window that will show you your Curriculum Assignment information. This is where you will verify and update your expected graduation date. *Refer to Figure 5a*.
- **3.** Edit Thesis Button Clicking will open a window that will allow you to view and modify your thesis/dissertation information. *Refer to Figure 5b.*
- **4.** Add Thesis Button Clicking will add a thesis/dissertation record for you. You should only have to do this once unless you are involved in more than one thesis.
- **5**. Edit Degree Button Clicking will open a window that will allow you to edit old degree information from your previous colleges/universities.

6. Add Degree Button - Clicking will open a window that allows you to add a college/university that you have attended with associated degree info.

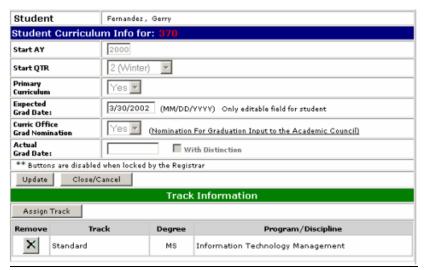


Figure 5a. Edit Curriculum Form. Used to update Expected Graduation Date and select the track that you are pursuing. This should all be done the quarter before you graduate.

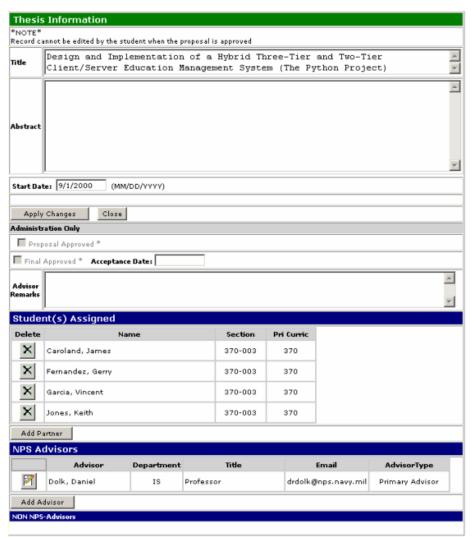


Figure 5b. Edit Thesis Information.

Python Feedback and Errors

If you encounter any errors while using Python, please contact the Python development team by emailing <u>python@nps.navy.mil</u> or by calling (831) 656-3219 or DSN: 756-3219.

Likewise, if you have any suggestions/recommendations on how Python can be improved, feel free to contact the Python team as described above.

If there is information that you are viewing in Python that you are not able to update, but you believe is incorrect, please contact your Curricular Office.

Joining the Python Team

As previously mentioned, Python was entirely student developed. We are always looking for students who are interested in helping improve and further develop Python. Numerous thesis opportunities exist. Stop by and visit us in Halligan Hall, Room M1 (second floor) or email/call us. You can also visit http://ems.nps.navy.mil/background for information about the Python development process.

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